PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION BEFORE THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD

A request for water quality certification (certification) under section 401 of the Clean Water Act for the following project was filed with the with the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board). California Code of Regulations, title 23, section 3858, requires the Executive Director of the State Water Board to provide public notice of an application at least twenty-one (21) days before taking certification action on the application. The notice period may be shortened in an emergency.

Written questions and/or comments regarding the application should be directed to Andrea Sellers:

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State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Water Rights – Water Quality Certification Program

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RECEIVED: February 13, 2023

PROJECT: Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project License Amendment

APPLICANT: Isabella Partners

CONTACT: Ben Singer

COUNTY: Kern

PUBLIC NOTICE: March 9, 2023

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: On February 13, 2023, Lake Isabella Partners submitted a water quality certification application for the Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project License Amendment (Project). The Project would install an additional 5-megawatt (MW) Francis turbine unit at the existing Lake Isabella Hydroelectric Project (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Project No. 8377). The Project is located on the Kern River, below the United States Army Corps of Engineers' Isabella Dam.